Mass Gathering Security Planning Tool

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OVERVIEW

The Mass Gathering Security Planning Tool is designed to provide event planners a framework to begin or continue planning efforts for a mass gathering or special event. The tool contains a combination of background information, event-planning checklist items, and venue characteristics, as well as suggested planning considerations based on the information entered. The output is not meant to identify every detail for consideration in mass gathering plans, but rather to identify an overarching framework for developing sound plans.

TOOL DESCRIPTION

The tool is interactive and user-friendly and built for use in a standard browser. It allows the user to input answers to basic questions about the venue and its properties, security and emergency plans, policies and procedures, crowd management, and physical security (see Figure 1). Some sections characterize the current venue properties including existing plans and physical security mitigation measures. The tool then provides planning considerations for future improvement. The final output is a combination of recorded answers and planning considerations in a Microsoft Word format for continued planning and improvement.

Functions available for users include:

- View a list of resources for planners to reference
- Print blank paper-based questions for use off-line
- Save data for later use or share data with other users
- View the planning considerations report
- View the final report

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

A central feature of the tool is the planning considerations. These considerations are designed to provide an easy way for users to characterize the venue properties and its current level of planning and receive useful hints for improvement. The planning considerations are presented in real time and the tool also provides a consolidated list that can be saved or printed. The resources contained in the planning considerations will point planners to credible sources to find best practices related to mass gatherings and event planning.

For more information or to seek additional help, contact us at central@cisa.gov.

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Figure 1: Mass Gathering Security Planning Tool Main Menu

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